

LOSS OF STATE RECORDS

ABOUT \$1,000,000 WORTH DESTROYED IN CAPITOL FIRE.

Only About \$10,000 Worth Saved—Hans of the Early History of the State Wiped Out—Two Law Books Saved in Court of Claims—Ruins Under Guard.

ALBANY, April 1.—Arnold J. T. Van Laer, State Archivist, assisted by Mr. Stokes, an expert in library salvage sent up by the Municipal Library of New York city, was busy to-day in the ruins of the archive room of the State Library. He said to-day that the contents of this room, including autographs on the documents, were worth at least \$1,000,000 and that out of this only approximately \$10,000 had been saved.

"While it is true that we are doing some salvage," said Mr. Van Laer, "the loss in this room means that the very basis of the early history of the State has been wiped out. Some of the original manuscripts and archives here have of course been studied and their contents used in modern books, but the loss of this little room is the removal from reach of an inexhaustible mine of first hand history authority."

Some of the items saved here include half a dozen volumes of Dutch manuscript records dating from 1612 to 1693. There are perhaps a dozen volumes of Colonial records from 1609 on. There are two volumes of the priceless Sir William Johnson papers, while 7,000 of the papers have been lost. One or two hundred of the thirty-eight volumes of the Colonial Council, from 1663 to 1783, only four or five have been saved. Six or eight of the fifty volumes of Revolutionary records can be copied.

Of the Van Rensselaer collection of 30,000 papers and 1,000 maps, the latter on parchment, not a single map has been found and only about 300 of the papers, consisting of a dozen volumes of accounts and leases. A volume of patents from the Dutch West India Company to tenants in the Hudson Valley, dating from 1660, and one volume of the exceedingly rare de Witt relations have been found. The loss in the law library of the great mass of briefs and points of counsel filed there by all of the courts of the State will be a serious loss to the legal profession.

Depreciated conditions in the unburned portions of the Capitol were beginning to give way to-day before the efforts of the 250 workmen who have been engaged in getting out the water and rubbish, and probably in the near future several of the departments forced from the building may be returned to their old quarters. Among these departments will be that of the Adjutant-General.

Gov. Dix, accompanied by John A. Mason, the Governor's private secretary, to-day attended the funeral of Samuel J. Abbott, the faithful watchman of the State Library, who was burned to death while attempting to escape through the offices of the old Record department on the fourth floor. Many friends of the dead man and State officials and employees, with the members of Low Benedict Post 5, G. A. R., of which Abbott was a member, attended the services at St. Peter's Church at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The body will be taken to Syracuse for interment.

There were no fire engines at work in the Capitol to-day and the hose which had been stretched through the corridors and interior rooms was removed except for two lines in the burned section on the third floor, where it was necessary to keep streams playing on each side of the building on the smouldering debris in the pavilion. All of this fire was pretty well out by night.

Judge Rodenbeck of Rochester, one of the judges of the State Court of Claims, came to Albany to-day and with Assistant Clerk North Chamberlain of the court made an investigation of the former court room and burned quarters of the judicial force. They found nothing there except two law books. The court has taken quarters for the clerk and his force in the Gainsborough apartment house, just west of Geogian Hall, on State street, and announces that its next term of court will sit in Syracuse on April 17.

Messrs. Callahan and Prescott of the contracting firm of Callahan & Prescott of Keeseville, with their superintendent of construction, were on the ground to-day making preparations for the assembling of a plant to repair the burned section. The contractors declared it was to lose no time in getting after the dangerous stonework in the pavilion on either side of the western end of the Capitol, and will probably have a dozen men at work tomorrow installing scaffolding.

Strict guard is to be kept of the Capitol to-morrow, and the expected throng of sightseers will not be able to get within the building, as entrance is to be limited to heads of State departments and to those holding military passes and passes issued by John A. Mason, secretary to the Governor. No passes, however, are issued to discharged workmen or the general public will be recognized. It is intended to prevent anything if possible to-day a man was caught trying to make away with a valuable high clock, the police have orders to arrest him at attempting to remove anything from the building, and the guardsmen will cooperate with the bluecoated guardians.

The colored and Troy companies of the National Guard, who have been doing duty at the Capitol, were relieved to-day and the building is now entirely in the hands of the soldiers from the Tenth Infantry, comprising the four Albany companies, and the police details.

One of the hardest workers in the ruined State Library section has been Lieut. Harry Underwood, a 1st lieutenant, who holds a commission as a member of the military staff of Gov. Dix. Lieut. Underwood, who has also been assisting in the Executive Chamber, was the head of an exploring party of gardeners who secured three water pails full of coins which formerly were in the valuable collection in the State Library. These coins were in an excellent state of preservation in many cases and were carried to the Executive Chamber and in the wash room they were carefully cleaned by gardeners of Lieut. Underwood's squad preparatory to being taken to the Albany Trust Company's safe deposit vaults. Included in the coins recovered in good condition were American silver dollars, representing the mintage of every year from 1784 to 1896 inclusive.

Another valuable old relic which was secured by Lieut. Underwood's party was the old key to the former main entrance of the old Capitol building.

Gov. Dix has recently received telegrams of condolence from several other States besides Massachusetts and Maryland on the burning of the Capitol, including a telegram from Gov. Eberhardt of Minnesota, who was here during the winter and addressed the Legislature, and one from the Governor of Nebraska. A State Education Commissioner Draper to-day called a meeting of the Regents at the Hotel Ten Eyck on Wednesday evening next to plan for the restoration of the State Library. Dr. Draper also today issued an appeal to the school children of Albany to help the State in the recovery if possible of parts of the State Museum's collection of Indian relics, coins and other valuables which may have been scattered by the fire. He asks that any children finding them bring the articles to their teachers or to the State Museum, and that they inform their teachers of any information they may secure bearing upon their disappearance.

Suicide of Albert E. Pierson.
Albert E. Pierson, 30 years old, a lumber dealer, was found dead yesterday morning in his bathroom apartments at 95 Broadway in a room. He had killed himself by inhaling gas. Robert A. Pierson, his brother, who lived with him, said he had been worrying about a deformity.

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